

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 26, add claim 32, and further amend the claims so that they read as indicated below.

1. (previously presented) A method comprising:

situating a configuration device at an installation location in a system, wherein the configuration device is configured for coupling to an intelligent unit, and is not a component of said intelligent unit; and

storing data in the configuration device, pertaining to the installation location, wherein the data comprises behavior or function description data for the intelligent unit, and wherein the data is transmitted from the configuration device to a logic device that processes the data for configuration of the intelligent unit.

2. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the following steps:

provisioning the intelligent unit with the logic device;
coupling the intelligent unit to the configuration device; and
transmitting the data from the configuration device to the logic device.

3. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
transmitting data from the intelligent unit to the configuration device; and
storing the data from the intelligent unit in the configuration device.

4. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising matching data between the intelligent unit and the configuration device.

5. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the intelligent unit is in a network.

6. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the storing and/or the transmitting of the data is carried out as a single step, or as a repeatable step.

7. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the storing and/or the transmitting of the data is performed securely.

8. (currently amended) An apparatus ~~for carrying out the method as claimed in claim 1,~~ comprising:

a configuration device ~~which is associable with~~ situated at an installation location in a system, ~~for~~ storage of data, having data stored therein pertaining to the installation location, wherein the configuration device is configured for coupling to an intelligent unit, and is not a component of said intelligent unit, wherein the data comprises behavior or function description data for the intelligent unit, and wherein the data is transmittable from the configuration device to a logic device that processes the data for configuration of the intelligent unit.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8,
wherein the configuration device can be associated with a defined application and/or a defined location of ~~an~~ the intelligent unit, and
wherein the configuration device can be connected to ~~a~~ the logic device for processing of the data for configuration of ~~an~~ the intelligent unit in such a way that the data can be transmitted at least from the configuration device to the logic device.

11. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, ~~comprising:~~
wherein the ~~an~~ intelligent unit ~~with an associated~~ has the logic device associated therewith for processing of the data for configuration of the intelligent unit, and

wherein the intelligent unit can be connected to the configuration device in such a way that the data can be transmitted at least from the configuration device to the logic device for adaptation of the intelligent unit to the application and/or the location.

12. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claims 8, further comprising: wherein the intelligent unit-being is within a network.

13. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, further comprising: wherein the intelligent unit-having has a system component.

14. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the data comprises an address, a component identification, configuration data and/or data for configuration.

15. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, further comprising: wherein the logic device-which is associated with the intelligent unit being designed for data transmission transmits the data to the configuration device.

16. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, further comprising: wherein the configuration device-being designed to receive and store receives and stores the data from the logic device-which is associated with the intelligent unit.

17. (canceled)

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, further comprising: wherein the configuration device-being is associated with a connecting device, for connection of the intelligent unit.

20. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, ~~further comprising: wherein the configuration device being designed is~~ for storage, reading and/or processing of further data.

21. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, ~~further comprising: wherein the data of the configuration device being is~~ variable, readable and/or processable by remote control and/or externally.

22. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, ~~further comprising: wherein the configuration device and the intelligent unit having have~~ complementary means for provision of a unidirectional and/or bidirectional data transmission connection, ~~in particular using screw-in and/or plug-in connectors, a contact-based, optical and/or a radio connection.~~

23. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, ~~further comprising: wherein the configuration device being designed as is~~ equipment for an automation system.

24. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed claim 8, ~~further comprising: wherein the configuration device and/or the logic device having have~~ hardware and/or software elements.

25. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, ~~further comprising: wherein the logic device which is associated with the configuration device being is~~ part of the configuration device or part of a further device which can be connected to the configuration device, ~~in particular a central control device.~~

26. (canceled)

27. (previously presented) A system having at least one apparatus as claimed in claim 8.

28. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 27, wherein the system is adapted for operation of an automation system.

29. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the configuration device is part of a permanent wiring to which the intelligent unit can be coupled.

30. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said installation location coincides with an application location.

31. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said data comprises an address, a component identification, configuration data and/or data for configuration.

32. (new) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the complementary means for provision of a unidirectional and/or bidirectional data transmission connection comprises a component selected from the group consisting of a screw-in connector, a plug-in connector, a contact-based connector, an optical connector and a radio connector.